
By: **Delegate Pendergrass**
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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Health Insurance Plan - Board of Directors**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the composition of the Board of Directors for the
4 Maryland Health Insurance Plan; and generally relating to the Maryland
5 Health Insurance Plan.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article - Insurance
8 Section 14-501(a), (c), and (g), 14-502, and 14-503(a) and (b)
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article - Insurance
13 Section 14-503(c)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2002 Replacement Volume and 2002 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article - Insurance**

19 14-501.

20 (a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.

21 (c) "Board" means the Board of Directors for the Maryland Health Insurance
22 Plan.

23 (g) "Plan" means the Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

24 14-502.

25 (a) There is a Maryland Health Insurance Plan.

1 (b) The Plan is an independent unit that operates within the Administration.

2 (c) The purpose of the Plan is to decrease uncompensated care costs by
3 providing access to affordable, comprehensive health benefits for medically
4 uninsurable residents of the State by July 1, 2003.

5 (d) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Plan operate as a
6 nonprofit entity and that Fund revenue, to the extent consistent with good business
7 practices, be used to subsidize health insurance coverage for medically uninsurable
8 individuals.

9 14-503.

10 (a) There is a Board for the Plan.

11 (b) The Plan shall operate subject to the supervision and control of the Board.

12 (c) The Board consists of [five] SEVEN members, of whom:

13 (1) one shall be the Commissioner;

14 (2) one shall be the Executive Director of the Maryland Health Care
15 Commission;

16 (3) one shall be the Executive Director of the Health Services Cost
17 Review Commission;

18 (4) one shall be the Secretary of the Department of Budget and
19 Management; [and]

20 (5) one shall be appointed by the Director of the Health, Education, and
21 Advocacy Unit in the Office of the Attorney General in accordance with subsection (d)
22 of this section;

23 (6) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF CARRIERS OPERATING IN THE
24 STATE; AND

25 (7) ONE SHALL BE AN INSURANCE PRODUCER SELLING INSURANCE IN
26 THE STATE.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
28 June 1, 2003.